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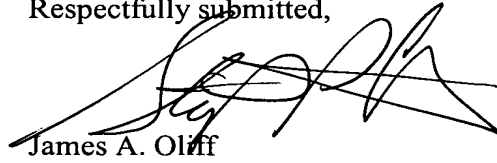
Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR §1.114. No certification or fee is required.
- ☒ 2. One or more reference cited herein was cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the foreign Notice of Reasons for Rejection is attached for the Examiner's information. See Reference 4.
- ☒ 3. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(ii), copies of any U.S. patents and patent application publications are not attached. See References 1-3.
- ☒ 4. References 1, 2 and 3 are the English-language counterparts of JP-A-10-210303, JP-A-2002-074350 and JP-A-2001-339555, respectively, cited in the Notice of Reasons for Rejection. These Japanese references are not being disclosed in this Information Disclosure Statement.

- ☒ 4. An English language Abstract of one or more non-English language reference is attached. See Reference 4.

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